

This is in regards to HB 5427 – An Act Concerning the Shared Clean Energy Facility Pilot Program

I support increasing the opportunity for shared solar programs in our state. A pilot program is a start, but our own Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering recommended that we *go forward with a full blown solar program*. We do not need a pilot program; we need to provide the opportunity for the aggressive development of community solar projects in Connecticut that will provide both cost savings to the consumer and environmental advantages to the earth we all occupy.

The only reason I am hearing for not going ahead is that it will hurt the interests of our two major energy distribution companies. But it is not clear to me why their interests should come ahead of those of the people of Connecticut.

The Paris Summit on Climate Change happened for a reason. There was global participation and commitment for a reason. Is Connecticut so timid that it can't take aggressive steps to transition to renewals – steps that the neighboring state of Massachusetts has already taken in the area of robust shared solar programs?

Respectfully,

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